

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of each claim is listed below.

1. (Currently Amended): Pigment granules having an average particle size from 50 to 5000 μm and a BET surface area $\leq 15 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$, consisting of

(A) from 60 to 90% by weight of at least one pigment and

(B) from 10 to 40% by weight of at least one nonionic surface-active additive based on polyethers, wherein said component (B) comprises alkylene oxide adducts with amines or alcohols,

obtained by wet-comminution of said pigment (A) in aqueous suspension in the presence of some or all of said additive (B) and subsequent spray granulation of said suspension, if applicable after the rest of additive (B) has been added.

Claim 2: (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented): Pigment granules as claimed in claim 1, wherein said component (B) comprises alkylene oxide adducts with amines or alcohols.

4. (Previously Presented): Pigment granules as claimed in claim 1, wherein said component (B) comprises block copolymers obtained by sequential polyaddition of propylene oxide and ethylene oxide to at least bifunctional amines or alcohols.

5. (Previously Presented): A process for producing pigment granules as claimed in claim 1, which comprises wet-comminuting said pigment (A) in aqueous suspension in the presence of some or all of said additive (B) and then spray granulating said suspension, if applicable after the rest of said additive (B) has been added.

6. (Original): A process as claimed in claim 5, wherein said spray granulating is effected in a spray tower using a one-material nozzle.

7. (Previously Presented): A process for pigmenting macromolecular organic or inorganic materials, which comprises incorporating pigment granules as claimed in claim 1 into these materials by stirring or shaking.

8. (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 7, wherein said macromolecular organic or inorganic materials are for pigmenting coatings, paints, inks, building materials or cellulosic systems, where a liquid phase comprises water, organic solvents or mixtures of water and organic solvents.

9. (Previously Presented): Pigment granules as claimed in claim 1, wherein the average particle size is from 100 to 1,000 μm and the BET surface area is $\leq 10 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 3, now canceled. Claim 2 has also been canceled. Claim 8 has been amended for clarity. No new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.